

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A lamellar roof for a roof opening (1) of a motor vehicle comprising at least front and rear lamella sections (L1 - L4) guided in the roof opening so as to be movable between a closed position, in which the roof opening (1) is closed by a planar side-by-side arrangement of said lamella sections, and an open position, in which the lamella sections (L1 - L4) are tilted upwardly and moved backwardly into overlapping relationship, a lamella guide mechanism for guiding said lamella sections during movement between said closed and open positions, including lamella section carriers (T1-T4) and guide carriages (F1 - F5), each lamella section carrier (T1-T4) being supported on two adjacent guide carriages ~~(F2 and F3)~~, each guide carriage ~~(F2)~~ (F1 - F4) except for a rearmost carriage (F5) having a pivot axis (7) for the - in travel direction of the vehicle - adjacent rear lamella section carrier ~~(T2)~~ (T1 - T4) and a, in slide direction displaced, pivot axis (11) for a control rocker (10), which supports ~~a~~ an adjacent front lamella section carrier ~~(T1)~~ (T1 to T4) and also ~~the~~ a rearwardly adjacent lamella section carrier ~~(T2)~~ and which is coupled to the front lamella section carrier by way of a guide groove (8) extending along the front lamella section carrier ~~(T1)~~ such that said control rocker (10) is movable out of its basic closed roof position to a roof opening position, in which it raises the rear ~~edges~~ edge of ~~said an adjacent~~ lamella ~~sections~~ section to tilt the adjacent lamella ~~sections~~ section upwardly, and said pivot axis (7) for said adjacent rear lamella section carrier ~~(T2)~~ being arranged in the rear end area of said guide carriage (F2), said control rocker (10) extending from the pivot axis (11) thereof toward the adjacent rear lamella section carrier ~~(T2)~~ and being engaged between

the pivot axis (7) of the adjacent rear lamella section carrier ~~(T2)~~ and the pivot axis (11) of said control rocker (10) on said guide carriage ~~F2~~ in the guide slot (8) of said front lamella section carrier (T1), and said control rocker (10) ~~projecting, beyond said connection~~ having a projection extending in opening direction, being supported, in this projecting area, on said adjacent rear lamella section carrier ~~T2~~.

2. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 1, wherein said control rocker (10) biases, in the closed position of the lamellar roof (4), the - in opening direction of the roof - ~~adjacent front lamella section carrier (T1)~~ toward the guide carriage supporting the control rocker (10).

3. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 2, wherein, in a closed position of the lamellar roof, said control rocker (10) includes an overlap area to a stop (16) of the longitudinally supported adjacent front lamella section carrier ~~(T1)~~.

4. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 3, wherein said stop (16) is part of said longitudinally supported adjacent front lamella section carrier ~~(T1)~~ .

5. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 1, wherein, in the open position of the lamellar roof (4), all the guide carriages ~~(F2, F3)~~ (F1 - F5) moved into engagement with one another are interlocked.

6. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 5, wherein, for the interlocking of adjacent guide carriages

~~(F2, F3)~~ (F1 - F5) , a locking element (17) is provided ~~which is supported on said guide carriage (F2).~~

7. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 6, wherein said locking element is a locking lever (17), which is supported on ~~said~~ each guide carriage ~~(F2)~~ (F1 - F4) except the, in opening direction of the roof, front guide carriage (F5) and is engageable with the guide carriage which, in opening direction of the roof, is the next adjacent guide carriage.

8. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 7, wherein said locking lever (17) is supported in a support area of the respective guide carriage ~~(F2)~~, which is displaced in closing direction (F) of the roof with respect to an area of the guide carriage ~~(F2)~~ carrying the pivot axis (7) of the rearwardly adjacent lamella section carrier.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) amended) A lamellar roof according to claim ~~9~~ 8, wherein the pivot axes 11 of the control rocker (10) and of the locking lever (17) which are disposed on the same guide carriage ~~(F2)~~ are co-axial.

11. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 7, wherein the control rocker (10) and the locking lever (17) which are arranged on the same guide carriage ~~(F2)~~ extend from their pivot axis (11) in the same direction.

12. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 7, wherein, ~~a~~ the locking lever (17) is pivotally supported with one end thereof on ~~said~~ a guide carriage ~~(F2)~~

and has at its opposite end a locking hook (21) which, in an open position of the roof, is engaged ~~between the spaced engagement surfaces~~ in an engagement recess (23) of the adjacent guide carriage ~~(F3)~~ following in the opening direction of the lamellar roof.

13. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 12, wherein said locking lever (17) is supported against the adjacent front lamella section carrier ~~(T1)~~ of the respective guide carriage ~~(F2)~~.

14. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 13, wherein ~~said each~~ each lamella section carrier ~~T1~~ (T1 - T4) has an edge (18) opposite the respective lamella section supported thereon, ~~and said edge (18) forms~~ forming a support edge for said locking lever (17).

15. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 12, wherein said locking lever (17), which is supported against the adjacent guide carriage ~~(F3)~~ next in the opening direction, has a support surface (22) which ends in a reception opening (24).

16. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 15, wherein said locking lever (17) has a locking hook (21) at its end ~~with~~ in the reception opening (24).

17. (currently amended) A lamellar roof according to claim 14, wherein said support edge (18) extending along said guide slot (8) of the lamella carrier ~~(T2) becomes narrower~~ forms at the end of said guide slot (8) in the opening direction of the lamellar roof (4) ~~and forms there~~ a step (19).

18. (original) A lamellar roof according to claim 17, wherein said step (19) is disposed in a transition to said support edge (18) and is inclined so as to form a ramp.

19. (previously presented) A lamellar roof according to claim 14, wherein said locking lever (17) is in contact with said support edge (18).

20. (canceled)

21. (twice amended) A lamellar roof according to claim ~~21~~ 1, wherein the control rocker (10) engaging the adjacent front lamella section ~~(12)~~ moves in the open position of the roof into an overlapping engagement positions with the control rocker (10) of the - in opening direction - following control rocker (10).

22. (previously presented) A lamellar roof according to claim 21, wherein the part of said control rocker (10) against which, in the closing direction, the preceding control rocker (10) is supported in the opening direction of the lamellar roof (4), is formed by a part (pin 9) of the control rocker (10) which extends through the guide slot (8) of the lamella section between these control rockers (10).